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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 11, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 11, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.